The Vermont Phanix. tinetly felt on one side or should be on the right side.

BRATTLEBORO: FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1886.

Ex-Gov. Proctor thinks "it cannot be possible that Vermout will so lower itself as to refuse a re election to Senator Edmunds." "I cannot believe," he said to a friend the other day, "that Vermont will commit an set which ead to such a loss of influence and power and prestige."

The St. Albans Messenger discovers that Mr. Edmunds's speech in answer to the President "cannot be classed with his old-time offorts." Very true-for the country is agreed which Mr. Edmunds has ever made. But, all the same, the editor of the Messenger needs to look out or he will be making bimself ri-

The Blair education bill in an amended form passed the Senate last Friday by a vote of 36 to 11. The Maine esnators were the Vermont's share of the appropriation, as based upon the illiteracy of its population, will be \$17,830 for the first year and \$106,-236 for the eight succeeding years.

The Phoenix congratulates the Montpelier space to the best possible "advantage," and we are very sorry if its present editor has anything "on his mind" for having given the Republican national ticket in 1881." We think he will be forgiven if, in future, he obeys St. Paul's admonition and "presses on" beck or ownership.

Following close upon the passage of the franchise bill by the British parliament—a measure which bestows almost universal suffrage upon the people of Great Britain-there House of Commons, last Friday, on the motion looking to the abrogation of the legislamotion was rejected, but the vote was 202 to to put the radicals in a very jolly mood. The mover. Mr. Labouchere, made a humorous as well as a telling point when he asked where there was ever so pernicious a "land league" as that gathered in the House of Lords.

The committee of the New York S-nate who have been investigating the way in which Jacob Sharp got the charter for his horse railroad through Broadway, New York, find, and specifically charge, that the scheme was one of fraud, bribery and public plunder. They say that not a single step in the forma-tion of the company was legal, and the right to build the road was literally bought of the aldermen, who got from \$1000 to \$10,000 apiece for their votes. Probably the money ed in the bribery amounted to no less than \$700,000. The committee accompany their report with drafts of bills to dissolve the company and repeal its charter, and to protect the city from similar outrages in the future. Ex-Senator Coukling is leading counsel for the city in ferreting out the villsiny.

The labor question is at length beginning to receive the attention of legislators in the states where labor disturbances have caused most commotion and distress, and it is high time that it should. In the New York legislature, following the recommendation of Gov. Hill, a bill has been introduced providarbitration to settle labor difficulties. The gracious element is introduced into family boards are to consist of five persons, two chosen by laborers, two by employers and the fifth by the four first named, who are subsequently to be licensed by the judge of the court and permitted to examine witnesses under oath and determine matters in disputs. A state board of three persons, one to be seworkingmen, is also provided for, to determine finally appeals from the decision of local boards. Local boards are not to be paid for their services except items of neces sary expense incurred, but the state board is in the bill at \$3000. Appeals must be made from the decision of the local boards within ten days. It it said that this scheme meets with favor both on the part of employers and labor organizations.

Words and Their Lees.

We give elsewhere an abstract of the powerful and closely reasoned speech of Sanator Edmunds on the refusal of the President to allow the Senate access to papers on file in the departments. The question at issue is one of constitutional law and hinges on the meaning given to words. It will be seen that Mr. Ed munds insists on using words in their plain sense. He even felt compelled to translate the presidential "innocuous desuctude" into simpler language more suited to the comprebension of the plain men of the Sepate. Ac. cording to the President the "suspension" of an officer is equivalent to his removal; Mr. Edmunds insists that suspension means only to suspend. To other plain people not in the Senate it is sufficiently evident that a case of suspended animation is not exactly the same thing as death. The President thinks that papers addressed to an officer of the governnept, in relation to official business, and filed in obedience to law in the official archives, are still private documents. Mr. Edmunds cannot be made to see that the word "official" has nothing to do with offices. The Presi dent considers the filing of documents in the departments as simply a convenient way of stowing away his old letters; Mr. Edmunds says, "Filing is a technical term, a term of use in law and the administration of law. And finally, the President claims that his office monopolizes the executive function of government Mr. Edmunds says, "All the erations of the government are executive, and has it come to this, that because the President is the chief executive, Congress shall know nothing as to the facts relating to

Three Things to Think Of. The Phoenix sees no reason for prematur scussion of the merits of different candidates for any of the state or county offices which are to be filled this year. For this resson we have only to say of the suggestion which a correspondent makes of Col. Franklin for Lieutenant Governor, that we have no personal objection to his candidacy, and that we have no doubt he would fill the office acceptably, if elected. We take the occas however, to say that there are two or three points which should be insisted on in the choice of a candidate for this office in the coming canvass. First, he should be a sincere and outspoken advocate of the reflection of Senator Edmunds. We do not mean by this declaration to make support of Mr. Ed. munds a test of any man's personal or politi cal soundness. On general principles and in ordinary times there would be no propriety in establishing such a test. But the present pecasion is out of the ordinary. There is no longer any doubt that a determined, wellorganized effort will be made to prevent the return of Mr. Edmunds to the Senate. There is no pretence among his opponents that he has not served his state or country faithfully there is no suggestion that his distinguished abilities have suffered decline; no serious at tempt has been made to show that, if reelected, he would not continue to hold, by virtue of these abilities, his place as a leader of our national legislature. When divested of all pretence, the claims of his opponents simmer down to the fact that another man wants his place and hence the Senator should be defeated. But the people do not want Mr. Edmunds defeated, and bence officials whom they elect this year should be his friends and supporters. The Lieuterant Governor would not have a vote on the question, to be sure,

but his influence at Montpelier would be dis-

tinctly full on one side or the other, and it

A second test comes on the question of state supervision of railroads. Without doubt this will be the most important subject of legislation to come before the next legisla-The public interest and the protection of individual rights alike demand that Vermont should put herself abreast the action of other states in this matter. One of the most unwelcome developments in the legislature of 1884 was the defeat of every attempt in this direction. Even a short-haul bill, forbidding railroad companies to charge more for draw ing a ton of freight a short distance than for a longer distance covering the shorter distence, was not allowed to pass. There was no doubt as to the source of the influence that killed such attempted legislation. The in calling it the greatest and strongest speech people of the state should see to it that a like thing does not happen again. The passage of a railroad commission bill ought to be made a distinct issue in this year's canvas, and state officers and members of both Senate and House should be chosen with this issue

So far as the lieutenant-governorship is concerned, the man who receives that office only ones from New England who voted should be given it with the plain understand-against the bill. If the bill becomes a law ing that his election to the office this year does not give him a first mortgage on the governorship two years hence. The practice of "promoting" the Lieutenant Governor has gone quite far enough. It ought to be stopped where it is. If continued, its tendency will inevitably be to give us small, cheap mon for Governor. We have seen the end of putting the larger, stronger, well-matured men of the state in the Governor's chair if by our further, continued practice in this direction only a half-hearted or inefficient support to | we lay down a sort of unwritten law that our Governor can go to his office only through the

Here are three things worth thinking of. to act politically only from conviction of what | They are three points which The Phonix will is right and not in obedience to any man's do what it can to make tests for choice of state officers and members of the legislature in both branches this year.

School Savings Banks.

The Rutland Herald has an interesting ar icle describing the plan recently put in pracones an even stronger evidence of the rising tice in the Rutland schools for encouraging tide of democratic impulse in the vote in the habits of thrift among the pupils. Every morning they are encouraged to give to the teacher the money which they may have earn tive functions of the House of Lords. The ed or received, and at the end of each mouth the teacher deposits the sum in the savings 166-more than double that of last year's sup- bank. Each popil is furnished with a book port of a similar motion, and sufficiently large showing the amount deposited to his credit. The result of the first month's trial was a deposit of \$195.50. It is said that many of the school children have savings bank books in-

Such plans as this will give rise to different reflections, depending upon the standpoint from which we look. If we think only of the evils of extravagance and shiftlessness, and of the poverty to which they lead, it will cem as if we could not be too early in teaching habits of economy. But poverty is not the only evil to be guarded against. Selfishess and penuriousness are unlovely always, but never so repulsive as in the young. The worship of money is so prevalent that one does not like to think of the teacher's deak becoming a new altar for it. The ten-yearold capitalist with his bank account is not a pleasant object to contemplate. The danger of encouraging a mean and mercenary spirit is so great that, in our opinion, it would in the average school outweigh the benefits derived. It is in the home that the most unpleasant offects would be experienced. If the child is to deposit something every day in the school bank, the money must either be earned be given him. If it is given him, the moral effect is nothing or worse than nothing. It is all very well to save one's earnings; but gifts are given to be used and enjoyed, not to be hearded. If, on the other hand, every ing for the establishment of county boards of | child is encouraged to earn money, a most un-

life. There are few things in these days more uppleasant than the habit, which is too common, of parents paying their children for the little services which they require of them. In the well-ordered household the idea of payment for value received does not enter. The old-fashioned ideas of courtesy and obedience leave no room for petty bargainings. In such a family the boy is taught that all be can do He (Mr. Edmueds) thought so too. Knowledge was denied; and if the Senate acted in The wise parent remembers that childhood is short at best, and he will be jeal one of anything which initiates the child promaturely into the cares and calculations nec seary to maturer life

All this refers to the children of well to-do parents. For such, we think that the plan for school savings banks would be of doubt ful utility. In communities where there is a large class of improvident people it would doubtless be of educational value

A strike of railroad men is in progress the entire Gould system of railroads in the from the fact that while the greatest delay of traffic occurs at St. Louis, where cars loaded with wheat stand in sight of the elevators they cannot reach, the seat of the trouble is at Marshall, Tex., on another branch of the Gould system. The strikers have taken good care not to interfere with the despatch of the inited States mails, and the railroad officials have thus far contrived to keep the through passenger traffic on the move, though subur cally at a standstill. The thing which pre cipitated the strike was the discharge of the oreman of a division at Marshall, Texas, who is a prominent Knights of Labor man. The number of strikers is roughly estimated at 10,000. On Wednesday the railroad authorities issued notice to the strikers that they were no longer in the employ of the company and warning them to leave its prem

Col. Franklin for Lieutenant-Governo Mr. Editor: Should Windham county out forth a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, want to name Col. A. B. Franklin, of Newfane, for the place. He has had a good deal of experience in both branches of the legis-iature, possesses ready ability and high char-acter, and has the other qualities requisits in a good presiding officer. He is a man of the people, earning his bread by the labor of his pays his fare when he rides on a railroad. Besides, he was a good soldier, which ought not to count against him, and is an outspoken advocate of the reflection of Mr. Edmunds. Can we do better? Windham Co.

extent to which Mr. Edmunds's powers are "waning" is not apparent to the average un-

Senator Pugh spoke in defence of the

President's position on Wednesday, and Sen-ator Wilson of Iowa in defence of the Sen-ate's position on Thursday.

The death of Senator John F. Miller of California reduces the small Republican ma-jority in the United States Benate. Gov. Stoneman, who is a Democrat, will appoint a suppossor to serve until the next Califor legislature fills the seat by an election. The next legislature, to be chosen in November, will meet in January, 1887, and whether it will be Republican or Democratic it is too early to predict.

Ex-Senator Jerome B. Chaffee of Colorado ed at the home of his son-in-law, U. S. Grant, jr., at Purdy's Station in Westohester county, N. Y., on Tuesday. His disease was scute mentingitis, and he had been for some time in failing health. His fortune, which at one time amounted to a million dollars or more, had dwindled to less than a tenth of that sum. He lost half a million dollars in the Grant & Ward failure, and suffered heavy sees in unfortunate mining enterprises.

of leading editorial writer on the Rut iand Herald, a position which he has held since 1878, and is succeeded by Col. Albert Clarke, formerly of the St. Albans Messen-ger, and more recently of the Hoston Adver-tiser and Evening Record.

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De Lesseps gives out from the Isthmus that he issert sind in the part of the Democratic locomotive; but the ure trip from Paris through the Panama canal and return home by way of Suez—that is, if the French government authorizes a loan of \$130,000,000 for the scheme. It appears, however, that \$150,000,000 has already been spent in doing only 11 per cent of the work.

Mr. Edmunds paid a glowing tribute to The man, of whom he said: "In his day a hea light of the Democratic locomotive; but the United States, the best one, and the breavest one, for he day to condemn the frauds of his pariy." To provided great applause, while Payne sat his seat and locked mean.

THE PRESIDENT ANSWERED.

Edmunds's Great Speech in the Senate on Tuesday. Mr. Edmunds made his promised speech on Tuesday in answer to the President's measage on the suppressed papers. He had a great acdience to hear him. The galleries were packed and all available room on the floor of the S-sate chamber was occupied. He began at 2 o'clock and spoke for two hours and a failf, holding the close attention of every one to the very close.

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Mr. Edmunds began his speech by an historical review of the cases in which the heads of departments had been reincetant to comply with the demands of the Senate for information. It has been half a century since the Senate has been confronted by a downright refusal on the part of the Executive.

Mr. Edmunds read the statutes relating to the tenure of office and recess suspensions. He then took up the immediate case at issue, the tenure of office and recess suspensions. He then took up the immediate case at issue, the suspension of Mr. Duskin, the attorney for Alabama. On the 17th of July, 1885, the President suspended him and designated John D. Barnett to perform the duties of the office. Mr. Duskin is not removed, and Mr. Edmunds claimed is still the legal attorney of the United States for Alabams. His suspension of the United States for Alabams. pension simply places him in the attitude of an army officer under arrest. The President night place Gen. Sheridan under arrest. That would not take Gen. Sheridan out of That would not take Gen. Sheridan out of the army. It would simply keep him for the time from the exercise of the functions of his office. The laws of 1867 and 1869 expressly state that absolute removals can be made only with the advice and consent of the Sanate. Until the officer is removed the office is not vacant. Mr. E Immude had the clerk read the opinion of Attorney General Akerman in 1870 and also that of Attorney General Devens in 1877, sustaining his coin.

General Devens in 1877, sustaining his opto-ion. Attorney General Devens expressly says, "An office, the incombent of which is only suspended is in no case placed in aboy-ance," It would seem then, Mr. Edsaunds ance." It would seem then, Mr. Elmunds continued, that in spite of sundry misleading discussions in the public press, and in spite of sundry inaccurate things stated in a mes-sage of the President of the United States to this body, and in spite of sundry inaccurate views of the minority of the committee on the judiciary as to what this case is that we have the accountage that as well by the law the judiciary as to what this case is that we now have to consider, that as well by the law as it has been placed on the statute books, by the action of all the administrations that have existed after the law was passed, and by the action of the P.esident of the United States himself in obediscuse to it, he has in vited the Sonate of the United States to agree with him in removing Mr. Daskin from of

ce by the appointment and commissioning Mr. Edmunds then proceeded to discuss Mr. Edmunds then proceeded to discuss the question whether efficial papers bearing on the administration of the efficer it is a ked to remove should be sent to the South. Mr. Edmunds thought that the warmest administration man could scarcely deny the South's right. But what is an official paper? Mr. Elmunds's definition fietly contradicts the opinion of the President. Every paper at dressed to an officer in the elimat function on official business is an official paper. The law squires that the papers to regard to the ad-nuistration of office shall be placed on file in the departments. To all such papers the

Senate has a right.

Moreover, the constitution commands the President to give Congress information on "the state of the Union." It says he "shall" do it. That had reference to the universal power of knowledge of the two houses of Congress in respect to every operation of the government and every one of its officers. That is, the "state of the Union." The state of the Union is made up of every "drop in enate has a right. of the Union is made up of every "drop in the bucket," of the execution of every law and the performance of every officer under the law. There was no one thing, no one ubject, that represented the "state of the Union." It was the condition of the government and every part of it, not only its leg-lative parts, about which the President coucommunicate no information without imper sence, for the constitution had declared that the two houses were to regulate themselve but he was to give to Congress and was pos-tively commanded to do so from time to tim nformation on the state of the Union, and that is because Congress was entitled to have it every time they called for it. And ha vio-lated a positive command of the constitution when on a constitutional call in the regular way be omitted to do so.

As the President shrewdiy quoted from Gen. Grant in defence of his position, Mr. Edmunds quoted the celebrated Democratic Senator Havne of South Carolina, who 50 years ago, in a similar controversy, said:
"However gentlemen may be enamored of
this new doctrine of confidence in rulers, it is not the ground, I apprehend, on which the Senate coght to set in fulfilling their consti-tutional duty of giving advice to the Fresi-dent. If we are to act by faith, and not by direction that the attorney-general and the President desired it to act in putting igh these 643 or 650 removals and ap

through these 543 or 633 removals and ap-pointments by faith and not by knowledge then he agreed with Senator Hayne that "we have no business to be here."

In reply to the argument of the minority report, that the Senate had never called for papers relating to suspensions from office un-til 1867, Mr. Elmunds said the reason was ovident, as the statute authorizing the Presi-dent to suspend any officer was not passed till 1865. Ferhaps the minority simply meant that the Senate had never successfully called on the President for reasons for removal. In 1835 the Senate asked President Jackson for n effect that it was none of the

business, whereupon the Senate refused to ratify his nomination of Mr. Williamson as successor to Wirtz.

Mr. Edmunds cited and commented on a large number of instances, gathered from the journals of Congress in which by resolution and otherwise Congress had called on the President or heads of departments for information and papers respecting a great variety of topics and got what it called for. The minority of the committee said that no such spectacle as the judiciary committee was now presenting to an astonished world and an as-tonished and injured President and attorney. general, had been presented in the Democratic times. "Let us see," said Mr. Edmunds, "or the 5th of March, 1879, the Democrats had a majority of this body. Their committee or judiciary was Mr. Thurman (chairman). Mr. McLlonald of Indiana, Mr. Bayard of Delaware (the present secretary of state). Mr. Gariani of Arkansas (the present attorneygeneral), Mr. Lamar of Mississippi (the prent secretary of the interior), Judge Davis of Illinois and Mesers. Edmunds, Conkling and Carpenter." Mr. Edmunds then read a copy a letter from Mr. Thurman, as chairma of a letter from Mr. Thurman, as chairman of the committee, to the attorney-general, dated March 24, 1879, calling for "Such information as may be in the possession of your department concerning the following nomination, together with any suggestions you may be pleased to note. And on the 7th of April the following letter was written:—
The Humrable Attorney-General of the United States:—

States :- Her: - Under the direction of the judiciary com-nies of the Senate I have the honor to request the

But that was not the only instance, Mr. Edmunds said. The same chairman on many occasions had called for that same class of in-formation and got it. The President himself had sent the Senate G43 instances of obedience to that law, 643 nominations under it, and Mr. Edmunds therefore took it that the

That "Innocuous Besuetude" Para

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[From Mr. Edmunds's Speech on Tacedar.]

The minority of the committee has said ruly that no such speciacle as this had ever been witnessed during the time the Demo-erats had control of the Senate, from 1879 to 1881, and the President, in his supplementary minority report to the deliberations of the Senate, has stated, with a fullness of rhetoric Senate, has stated, with a follows of rhetoric which is as charming as it is unique, that these statutes of the United S a'es, and the practices under them, have now for many years fallen into a state of "impocuous disustinde." If that he true, it ought to be one of the missions of the President, in discharging the duty that the constitution imputes to him, to take that statute out of disuse (if I may use a shorter and humbler primes) and as he use a shorter and humbler phrase), and, as he is sworn to do, put it into faithful executi

(Springfield Republican cor.)
His most telling precedent was to read from the files of the judiciary committee in April, 1879, when Senator Thurman was chairman and an identical demand was made on the Hayes administration and complied with. Mr. Edmunds paid a glowing tribute to Thurlight of the Democratic locomotive; but this light is put out. The greatest Democrat in the United States, the best one, and the nolest one, and the bravest one, for he dared

Mr. Charles Francis Adams, jr., for many cars a student of railroad management and now president of the Union Pacific railroad

Meteorological Becord. ompany, not long ago gave some very intercompany, not long ago gave some very inter-esting testimeny concerning passes before the Senate select committee on inter-state commerce. Transportation by passes on his read amounts to \$2,000 s day, or more than \$700,000 s year. If the issuing of passes could be forbidden by an effective law, he would agree, he said, to make a considerable reduction in passenger rates. The day when such a law should be enforced would be, he desired "a hanny day for regifreed and real

such a law should be enforced would be, he declared, 'a happy day for railroads and rail-road managers." The law would relieve rail-road men 'of one of the greatest annoy-ances, outrages, and abuses that now exist in connection with the railroad business." The members of the committee were deeply in-terested in these statements, and in answer to their questions Mr. Adams went on as fol-

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Mr. Adams further said that, in his opin ion, "ten per cent, more has to be charged to those who do pay fares to make up for those who do not." This last is the most

Owa is "There is no reason whatever why any one should be carried free over a railroad any more than who he hould be boarded and lidged free at a horel, drive ree in pshill carriage, or order goods without paying for them in the abopt. Xet, and especially in the cell, things are getting to work a pass that no man the has morely, or official position, or influence—seeially political or newspaper influence—seeially political or newspaper influence—seeially political or newspaper influence—thinks he make to pay anything for riding on a railroad. The major has been succeed to be so in with the company which refuses to do so in with the company which refuses to do so in with the seeial political pay and the seeial political pays to the see the legislature meets. That a large percentage of those who travel pay nothing mercin means that

The Free Pass Abuse.

significant statement of all and is the central fact of the whole free pass abuse. Mr. Edmunds as an Orator.

"Webb" of the Boston Journal has this exellent pen-picture of Senator Edmunds as a public speaker, as he appeared when making his great speech on Tuesday: "Mr. Educade can make a more powerful spons any other man equally devoid of the greatering who he new or has been for many year abile life, and he never went beyond the point

Let Them Bead. From the St. Johnsbury Caledon

If Gov. Smith doesn't look out, he will re-turn from Moxico to find that his trusty ser-vants at Montpeller and St. Albans have read the Republican party of Vermont out of existence. But we hope for better things.

A New York paper says that hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent by the brew-ers of that state to provent the passage of a law which will require them to label their kegs with a list of all the compounds they use in making beer.

"the President's discussion of the Chinese government's claim to indemnity for the

Rock Springs outrage is incomplete and un-satisfactory, 'insemuch as ''it makes no men-tion of our guarantee in the new treaty of 1880 of protection to the Chinese laborers already here in all their rights." The wife of Senator Hawley of Connecticut died in Washington, Wednesday night of last week, of pneumonia, after a short ill-ness. Mrs. Hawley spent three years during

the war in the military hospitals, nursing th patients and teaching the art of nursing to . Harper's Weekly admonishes the President that his administration will be judged, not so er set off bad appointments nor careless re-movals; and that the appointments in Ma-ryland have gone far to overthrow the confi-dence of the truest friends of the President.

The 25th anniversary of the liberation of the former serfs of Russia made Wednesday of last week a day of thanksgiving and pray-er for the survivors and descendants of the twenty-four million serfs who were freed by Czar Alexander II. from the thraldom begun by another czar, Boria Godunoff, 200 years

\$1 and \$2 bills, which are being withdrawn from circulation by the government to in-crease the use of the stove-lid dollars. The amount thus far withdrawn comprises \$5,.412,196 in one dollar bills and \$5,041,654 in

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

ton, Texas, last Friday, by an editor who apologized for as being "eccentric." Fex would be a safer state to live in if such "e centricity" was confined to the editorial for Texas -Ex-Gov. Horatio Seymour's death has

-Er-Gov. Horatio Seymour's death has been quickly followed by that of his wife which took place at the home of her stater, Mrs. Roscoe Conkling, on Monday morning. -Three Archer brothers, notorious desperadoes, were taken from juli and "quietly strong up" at Shoals, Ind., Tuesday night. —Every horse car employe in New York city went out on a strike early last Friday norning. Their demand was for a reduction of their hours of work from 14 or 16 to 12, with 30 minutes out for dinner, and \$2 pay for it. The companies yielded and and

cars began running again at 2:15 in the af-ternoon. The demand of the strikers were entirely reasonable, the men behaved in an orderly way, and the people were glad to see them carry their point -The boiler of the tug boat John Markee burst in Boston harbor Wednesday morning. blowing the boat to atoms and killing the

crew of five men.

—Samuel Johnson, a burly negro of bad character, outraged hiss Nellis Herbert, an estimable young woman, in the woods, near Eatontown, N. J., Friday evening, and she is in a critical condition. Johnson was arrested and placed in the lock-up, and the same night unknown persons took him out and lynched him.

-Mrs. Elizabeth E. G. Emerson died in Rochester, N. Y., recently under circumstances indicating great poverty. Her life was involved in a great deal of mystery, and it was not till Monday that the fact was made

known that she left a fortune of \$160,000, of which \$60,000 is given to the Presbyterian church, the remainder going to relatives. -Two men were killed and twelve wounded by an explosion of gas in a mine at Dunbar, Pa., Monday.

-Col. William S. Clark, long prominently associated with the educational and agricul-tural interests of Massachusetts, died at his

esidence in Amberet Tuesday of Bright's becase, after a painful illness of three years. -Perdipand Schumacher's oatmeal mills at Akron, O., the largest in the country, were burned Saturday with the New York, Penu-sylvania and Obio railroad station and two large elevators containing over 150,000 bu-shels of grain; loss \$1,000,000.

—A fire in the gas house of the Augusta, Ga., factory last Friday night resulted in only a \$1000 loss, but severs personal injuries and loss of life. A falling wall buried nine men, killing three and more or loss seriously injuriing the others. -The persecution of the Chir

Pacific coast still continues. Lust week Fri-day two men near Port Townsend, W. T., stlacked an inoffensive Chinese and, after beating his head against the rocks and fearfully maltreating bim, tore his queue out by the roots and left him for dead. The citizens of the place are greatly incensed and officers are in pursuit of the scoundrels. On the same day one hundred and twenty five Chitess were driven from Mt. Tabor near Portland, O., by a mob of masked men who marched them to the ferry and drove them across the Columbia river.

-A dog in New York saved the lives of an entire family Sunday. The house was on fire and all the people asleep, when the faithful animal leaped on bis master's bed and excitedly licked his face until he awake. The man had barsly time to wake his wife and

Local Intelligence.

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Announcements.

Now is the time to scoure a per cent and the best of scourity for your nonicy for the next B or 8 years. Don't wait for all your neighbors to prove this statement true, and bud yourself too late to profit by it. Hassen, Fr., Agent VI. Lone & Truel Co. Lest night F. W. Kusch & Co. received 1000 yards of that 7s striped maintook. If you want to see a really soon thing for the namery, send a partst for samples. Also, for five cents per yard, a lot of lace edges from 1 to 4 inches wide. They have just closed on the bot of three beaton and aboves in a recular of our ab of three beaton and aboves in a recular if out a lot of three botton Kid gloves in a regular to quality that they will sell for a short time while they last at 50c per pair.

Attention is called to the advertisement of girls

wanted in a straw hat manifestory.

ARTISTIC PROTURE FRANCES at Clapp & Jones's. THORS'S HOP AND BURDOCK TORIC-A safe and PICTURE FRAMES are cheap at Clapp & Jones's,

Bruttleberg.

The mean temperature, as shown by our weather report for the week, has been 28 above zero. For the corresponding week above zero. For the corresponding week last year it was 25 above. In the third week of March last year there were five consecutive days that the increury touched zero and be-low, the lowest being 16 below on the 18th; and as the weather, like history, repeats it self, our weather cierk predicts that before Easter bonnets "bloom in the spring" there will be another genuine freeze,

-Jerome Curbett is preparing to build a house on the corner of Washington and Con-tral streets. W. H. Fisher of West Brattle-boro has the contract.

-J. A. Bardwell has bought Charles Minar's remaining building lot on Grove street, formerly belonging to the K-lingg place, and intends to build thereon the present season. -E. E. Streeter has been granted a pen-sion of \$8 a month with arrearages amount-ing to about \$1000. He was a member of

Co. K. Ninth Vermont regiment.

—C. P. Nush has moved to West Brattleboro, where he has become associated in business with D. A. Fay in the manufacture of work tables and other articles of wood-ware. Mr. Nash has lately invented a detachable leg for lap-tables, on which he has

applied for a patent. —By an arrangement which has just gone into effect, the Wilmington stage now arrives here at 3 a. M., and leaves at 5.30 v. M., or on arrival of the afternoon express from New York. This arrangement is made to accommodate the people of West Braitleboro, who will thus be better enabled to communicate with the outside world; but they will never be happy nor rest content until the old order of mail service twice a day is resetablished. It should be borne in mind that under the present arrangement mail matter by the Wil

mington stage reaches here in season to go south at 10 a. M., he well as north at 10:30. -The several schools in District No. 2 closed to-day (Friday) for a vacation of two weeks, the new term beginning on March ? -H. F. Smith's house on High street is to

The President has nominated James C.

Matthews, a colored lawyer of Albany, N. Y.,
to succeed Fred Douglas as register of deeds
of the District of Columbia. The post is
worth \$8000 a year.

The New York Evening Post observes that
"the President's discussion of the Chinese called the Puellaphone, instrumental music by Myssrs, Davis and Lyonard, a song by Miss Mozart, and resulings by Misses Proseer, Sherman, Richardson and Mrs. Whiting. The net proceeds amounted to \$40.

-The young people of the Catholic society will hold a fair and festival at Crosby hall on

the evening of St. Patrick's day, Wednesday -The Fortnightly club devoted last Tuesday evening to a consideration of the Indian question. Sketches were given of Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson's life and literary work, together with selections from ber writings, and readings from Whittier's "Pentucket," Bret and exhaustive paper on "The Present Con-dition of the Indian and his Puture Outlook,"

py thought" of the literary committee.

—The marriage of Mr. Thomas A. Austin and Miss Kate M. Austin—the latter well known to all our people from her position as town literarian—took place at St. Michael's B. C. | church at S. o'clock Tuesday morning. Rev. Father Cunningham officiating. Mr. P. M. Baker acted as groomeman and Miss Mary Rourke as bridesmaid. The bride wore a handsome dress of golden brown sath, with bonnet to match and seal-plush wrap. Directly after the coremony, Mr. and Mrs. Adstindrove to their future home at No. 11 Cedar street, where a wedding breakfast was served and a largely attended reception held from 10 until 5, when they departed on the New York express for a short wedding journey. The py thought" of the literary committee express for a short wedding journey. The young couple received a great many gifts in china, silver, glass, etc., Mr. Austin's shop mates presenting a gill-band china tea-set, and the Growler clob a French clock, easy chair, standard work basket and mirror. It is understood that Mrs. Austin will remain in the library for the research

the library for the present. —A pleasant feature in the winter's enter-tainment course at the asylum was a lecture given last evening by Dr. L. C. Butler of Esgiven last evening by Dr. L. C. Butler of Essex, of the state board of supervisors. Dr. Butler's subject was "Man's Six footed it-vals in Reason and Intelligence." The address was admirable in its conception, and an instructive as entertaining. The ants and the bees were taken as the rivals of man in reason and intelligence, and the whole lecture evinced a knowledge of natural history on the part of the speake#for the most intimate kind; and the fact that it particularly engrossed the attention and interest of the andlence is a sufficient tribute to the successful handling of the subject. Both the lecture ful handling of the subject. Both the lecture and the lecturer were heartily indersed by those who enjoyed the pleasure of the enter-

-Bluebirds have made their appearance. The wrestling match at the rink last Tuesday evening between Frank Turner and Lyusi Harris for a purse of \$25 was won by the latter. Turner secured the first and Har-ris the remaining two falls. The contest was several times interrupted by the friends of the contestants, who showed their partisan spirit to an extent wholly uncalled for.

At the town meeting, when there were ree candidates in nomination for the office collector of taxes, it E Hosford offered to collect the taxes for \$250, or \$100 less
than was paid last year for doing the same
work. Each of the three candidates agreed
to collect the taxes for the same amount, and
H. E. Taylor was elected. Now Mr. Hosford ffers to make out the tax bills for \$35, or \$15 less than it cost last year. -Many women in various parts of the

country, Brattleboro included, having been windled by parties advertising to forman work for "women at home," the Women's Elucational and Industrial Union, 74 Boylston street, Boston, affers to investigate free ntioned, upon application. -The farmers have hopes of a good sugar

The Brattleboro polo team a ided anoth

- 138 Frantiscore polo team a fixed another game to their list of victories by defeating the Engles of Greenfield at that place Tuesday evening by a score of 3 to 1. Of the several goals made in an exhibition game after the regular match all but one were won by the Brattleboro boys. -The Salvation army were attacked last saturday evening while on their way to their accampment after their regular street parade

electromers at the timer regular error parameter by a crowd of young men and boys who throw a velley of eggs, ice and snow at them. The army retreated in good order and suffered no serious damage. They have been followed evenings since by a large company but -Frank P. Leonard has resigned his no -Frank P. Leonard has resigned his po-sition of teller of the People's National bank, to take effect April 1st, and will be succeeded by W. H. Brackett, bookkeeper for the Val-ley Mill company. Mr. Leonard will go to Chicago as general agent for the Vermont

Life insurance company. —The handsome set of dog collars which we been noticed in Randall & Clapp's show window for several days past are the proper-ty of Mr. P. F. Amidon of Hinsdale, N. H., who is something of a dog faccier, being the owner of several mastifis of aristocratic blood

of \$800. The largest one is of remarkable size, weighing 170 pounds when less than a year old.

-The Springfield Republican and the marriage engagement of Charles D. Bar-rett, foreman of the printing department of the Morgan envelope company, formerly of this town, and Moss Hattie E. Lyman of Syr-

acuse, N. Y.

—The members of the Vermont Wheel club have reason to feel proud of the success of their first annual concert and ball, held at Crosby hall on Tuesday evening, for it was decidedly the best entertainment of the kind this season. The elegant rooms of the club this season. The elegant rooms of the club were used in connection with the hall, which was carpeted and decorated in a tasteful manner, the flowers for the occasion being furnished by McGillivray. Music was furnished by the Philharmonic orchestra, who fully sustained their reputation, as did also Caterer Cooper, who furnished refreshments. About 45 couples joined in the grand march, which was led by Mr. S. W. Kirkland and Miss Entitle Towns and later arrivals increased the lity Tomes, and later arrivals increased the number to over 30 conpies. Among others present were visiting wheelmen from Green-field, Mass., and Springheld, this state.

-Postmaster Childs has this week sent a formal request to the post office department for the essablishment of street letter boxes in Brattleboro. Letters urging the need of such boxes were written by Judge Wheeler, Estey & Co., and others, and Mr. Childs accompanied the application with a chart and photo-graph with the location of the proposed boxes marked. The stations suggested are at these afrect corners: Main and Terrace, Chase and Avenue, Dek and High, Sprace and Western Avenue, Birge and Estey, Birge and Canal, Washington and Central, Canal and So. Main. The stations would accommodate the whole village, and the messanger's round would be an easy and natural one. The hours of collection named are P.A. M. and 2 and 9 r. M.

 The musicale given by Mass Bolle Gark at her home last Tweeday afternoon was much or joy ed by all present, and especially by those for whom it was more particularly designed. invalide, to whom a musical sutertainment is a rare treat. And not only was the trusic appreciated, text the thoughtful kindliness which inspired it as well.

which inspired it as well.

- Nort Sunday evening Rev. E. W. Whitney will give the third of the series of lectores on marriage, subject, "The Marriage Vow."

Owing to the union temperance meeting, the

-The Literary World (Boston) says in its test issue: 'Miss Mary R. Wilkins, who rites such excellent short stories for Harr's Bezar, realles in Brooklyn, N. Y. She 'the little Vermont giri' whom Wide Awake troduced with promising stories and verses for years and

- Moss Minnie Pratt gave a pleasant progressive cuchre party of eight tables last evening. Mrs. Arthur Peatt and Mr. Sam kirkland carried off the first prizes, Mrs. F. K Barrows and Mr. Dalton the progressive prizes, and Mrs. Dalton and Mr. Will Cabot won the coveted booty prizes. Refrashments and an hour's sociability brought the evening to an agreeable and.

Nym Crinkle" (A. C. Wheeler), the wellknown literary and art critic of the New York World and a man of prominence in New York literary circles, has gone on to the platform with a lecture on "Skylarks and Daisies," which is an answer to Bob Ingersoll and his "Myths and Miracles." The sectors is said to be exceedingly effective, litting right and left after ingersoil's own fashiom. It is inti-mated that Mr. Wheeler may come to Bratleboro a little later in the season if sufficient nterest should be manifested on the part of our people to warrant the venture.

- In consequence of the many cases where books belonging to the public library sostain injury through carelessness or improper handling on the part of those who read them, the treatess have printed a series of direc-tions for the proper handling of books, which will be pasted on the back cover of every volume. These directions are similar to those adopted by the Woodstock library, and it is hoped that they will be read and ob-

The W. C. T. U. will hold another social ton at the residence of C. W. Wyman on Oak street, Tuesday evening, March 16. Miss Annie Wyman will have charge of some entertainment for the evening.

—People should remember that on local or "drop" letters at other than free delivery of-

fices, the rate of postage is one cent for each ounce for all scaled matter, and on third and fourth class matter there is no difference be-tween the regular and the "drop" rate. -Rev. Mr. Tower's subject next Sauday orning will be "Our Debt," and in the

evening, "Opportunities." The public are promised a rare treat in Murray's "How John Norton kept his Christmas, next Tuesday evening. It is not like the conventional lectures and readings of characters and incidents of real life, and as an orator he has few if any superiors,

to Jacksonville to live April 1st. -E quiring friends are informed that B. Simonds has gone north on an extended tour giving a series of entertainments which introduce his mimitable spacial-ties from the Star mustrels. He is at present located at Peru for a week's engagement. -The Brooks House office is being newly decorated with a handsome ceiling and bor-der of paper of wall chosen colors and de-

-The Young Debuting society met for their 10th meeting Wednesday evening at the house of Earnest Davis on Church street. Hosiness was transacted and an enjoyable evening was passed, with readings, recitaions and games. Refreshments were served and the meeting closed at 0.45.

"The Mikado" was very finely presented by the Gilbert Opera company last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Vermont Wheel club, and but for the fact that the play had been poorly given by another copany a few weeks previous, the attendance would have been large. The Gilbert com-pany is one of the strongest that has eve-Ko Ko, the lord high executioner, was ad ho ko, the lord high executioner, was ad-pirable, while Mr. Ramsey as Poo Bah and Mr. Osgood as Nanki Po proved themselves particularly adapted to their roles. Harriet Erns as Youn-Yum, Adelaide Russell as Ka-tisba, and Florence Bate as Pitti-Sing were simply unexceptionable, all possessing well trained voices of which the audience manifested their appreciation by numerous en-cores. A desire has been expressed to have a repetition of the Mikado by this company at an early day. -Conductor Hastings's train had a fortu

nate escape from what might have been a se-

rious accident on its way up from Palmer Tuesday afternoon. Under the regular sched-ule a freight train leaves Brattleboro at 10:30 a.m., for New London or as soon as the out train arrives. On Tuesday the regularistic was followed down by a special ght. The regular train went down with incident, but the special train found a ail across the track near the bridge below Montague station, Mr. Hastings's train meets the freight at Amberst on its way up, and the fact that the rail was not put on the track until the freight had passed, and apparently at about the time of the arrival of the pa-senger train, caused at first as uncounfortable suspicion that the intention had been to wreck the passenger train. Three boys had been seen near the track at about the time the freight trains passed, and on Wednesday Roadmuster Shanks came up to investigate. He measured the tracks in the snow, found out the name and the whereabouts of the larger of the three boys, and then went to where he was working in the woods not far off. Mr. Shanks found that the size of the tracks compared with the size of the boy's ools and then accused the boy of he rail on the track. The little fello is not more than 12 or 13 years old, confess ed at once, said he did it "for fun," and evi ently had no idea of the enormity of his of-ence. He has not been arrested and prob-bly will not be. The pilot of the engine the Ramsdell) of the special freight train which struck the rail runs so low that it show of the rail saids so that no damage was done. The pilot of the passenger train runs six inch-es higher and would have passed above the all, letting the wheels strike it and undoubted throwing the train from the track. Con-actor Hastings is now satisfied that the obially and that the affair was only a boyish

-Mrs. Emily McLaughlin of Boston will isoture upon the subject of temperance in the town hall next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. We have no hesitation, after our pleasure in listening to her twice, in saying that she is one of the most effective speakers among the many gifted women of to-day who are labor-ess in this fi-ld of temperance. The public are cordially invited to attend. LENTEN BERVICES

Doring the season of Lout, which began on Wednesday last, the following order of services will be observed in St. Michael's Epigeopal) church : Sundays, 10:30 A. M. P. M.; Mondays, 11 a. M.; Fridays, 11 a. M., 4:30 P. M.; Saturdays, 4:30 P. M. In addition to these services in the church, on Wednesday evenings there will be a Cottage Lecture in such house in the parish as the rector may designate. During Holy Week, or the last

for a pair of which he lately refused an offer week in Long, daily services will be held in the church both morning and afternoon.

W. H. Colling, Rector.

-The next byceum will be held at the school house Friday evening, March 19. Question, "Resolved that woman suffrage will be conducive to the best interests of a Bapublican government." Disputants, afternative, Clarence D. Whitman and Mrs. Etta Chamberlin; negative, Oscar T. Ware and Mrs. Marie Capen. Paper by Edith Lerray and Maggic McVeigh.

—We understand that Mr. David Balley of Dummerston has rented a tenement of Oile Adams and is to move in soon.

—Occar T. Ware recently lost a valoable DISTRICT NO. 6.

Orcar T. Ware recently lost a valoable cow. Upon examination it was found that a large amount of water had settled about the lungs and an unknown substance had grown between the lunes of the lungs.

A PLEASANT ROCIAL EVENT AT WORCESTER, MASS.

A PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENT AT WORCESTER, MASS.

—On Thursday evening, March 4th, the bome of J. M. Buzzell, 58 Queen street, Worcester, Mass., formerly of Brattleboro, was the scene of one of the pleasantest social events of the season in the marriage of his eldest daughter, E.mma, to Frederick E. Shaw of Valley Falls, R. I. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and tropical plauts, while festions of emilax and roses were gracefully trailed about the rooms. At half-past 6 o'clock, while the wedding marchwas being played, the bridsl party descended the stairway and took their places in the southwest corner of the drawing room, underneath decorations which had been artiscally arranged, with a white dove with outically arranged, with a white dove with out tically arranged, with a white dove with our spread wings just over their heads. Rov. M. H. Harris performed the caremony, in which was observed the German custom of the giving of two rings. There was a large and brilliant company present from Worcester, Cambridge and Boston, Mass., Brooklyn, N. Y., Valley Falls and Providence, R. L. The bride was handsomely attired in a white satin dress elaborately trimmed with Brussels lace, with square-cut coreage and long court train. Mr. Ellis Newell of Providence was train. Mr. Ellis Newell of Providence was best man. The ushers were gentlemen from Boston and Providence. The wedding gifts were very numerous and many of them of rare worth. After the congratulations of friends and a very elaborate banquet served by Caterer Rebboil, the happy pair left to spend their honeymoon in Washington.

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ORITUARY—MEE ALMIRS EELS.

—Mrs. Almirs Eels, wife of W. Bainbridge
Eels and sister of Mr. G. A. Boyden of this
place, died at her home in Dommerston on
Friday isat in the 02d year of her age. She
was never a woman of robust health, but
what she lacked in strength and vigor she
more than made up in perseverance and ambition. For nearly a year before her death
she was a constant aufferer from heart troubte. She was a daughter of the late Assa Boy-Henry S. Ward is attending medical lecahe was a constant sufferer from heart troud.

She was a daughter of the late Asa Boyden of Guilford and spent the early years of her life there. In many respects she was far above the average of women. Her patient resignation during her last suffering hore evidence of this. Few women view their duty to their family and their home as abe did, and fewer still discharge it with such fidelity and real as the Her heaven on earth was and zeal as she. Her heaven on earth was

and zoal as the. Her heaven on earth was her home; in it she was casepicuous by her gentleness, her love and her seif-asorifice for her household. Few mothers ever received so large a return in fitial love and honor as she. The complete control of herself was her great power. She felt that to do her duty she must be exact and yet lenient and kind to all. To be strong she felt that her strength must be firmly rooted in truth and a prompt discharge of every duty. She left a bowed and broken-hearted husband and six children, three soms and three daughters, all intelligent and respected men and women, who telligent and respected men and women, who mount the loss of a devoted mother. Two alters survives her, one the wife of James H. Todd of Dunellen, N. J., the other the wife of W. C. Suow of Palatka, Fia.

THE END OF THE BRUCE-DICKERNAN SUITS -MRS. DICKERMAN'S RETRACTION.

The ejectment suit of Mrs. Dickerman gainst Dr. Bruce, which was heard before a ustice court last fall and appealed to this

erm of county court, has been withdrawn by the plaintiff, and the slander suit of Dr. Bruc against Mrs. Dickerman, which was also en-tered for trial at the March term, has been withdrawn in consideration of the following MARTIN L. BBUCE | Windham Cou

Whitham County Court.

EWILV A DICKERMAN. March Term, 1988.

In the above-entitled suit Dr. Bruce alleges that on several occasions, in conversation with others, I charged him with theing a thief. I have no desire to do Dr. Bruce any wrong or injustine whatsoever. I can trantating say that I have no knowledge or recollection that I ever made a statement or charge of the nature against him. I did have some trouble with Ir. Bruce while he was my tenant, but that related entirely to the sutject matter of said tenancy. I am

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-Frost & Proctor have the tobacco chew ing habit in an aggravated form. West Brattleboro -C. P. Nash has moved into Charles

-Academy hall is undergoing repairs preparatory to the opening of the spring term of the seminary, which occurs next Wednes-

of butter during the past week -a large quan-tity for this time of the year. -Report of school in District No. 2, which closed Feb. 27th, Jane E. Howard, teacher: Entire number of scholars, 21; those having no marks were James Mason, Arthur Wellman, Oliver Ellison, Florence Bennett, Freddie Ford had no absent marks, and Angie Giesson, Maud Marsh and Harry White no tarky marks. Only five days during the term

-Eston & Newell have shipped 1100 lbs.

tardy marks. Only five days during the term was there a full attendance, and only one day was there no mark. Cambridgeport. —A parlor meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U will be held at Miss Jennie Harwood's Thursday evening, March 18th, There will be literary exercises with music by members of the union. Cake and coffee

-Mrs. Mary Spaulding, widow of William Spaulding, died at her home in Chatham, Ti-oga county, Fa., Feb. 18, 1886, aged 15 gears, 2 months and 13 days. Mrs. Spaulding was the mother of 13 children, 10 of whom are living, the youngest almost 50 years old. She was herself one of a family of 11, all daughters, born in one house in Dnumerston, the youngest of whom lived to be over 70 years of age. She removed to Pennsylvania from Vermoni, with her husband and family, 50 years ago this month, and actival in the place where she died. Her youngest daughter, Mrs. Laura J. Curtis, had lived with her 21 years. Mrs. Spaulding joined the Baptist church in her youthful days, and always remained a firm believer in that faith. She was the daughter of Sath and Hannah (Merrick) Brigge

-Mrs. Partington occasionally has a word o say about affairs in this town. She says that some boys buy sugarettes at Harry Mil-ler's store and smoke them out back of Lew-is Randall's barn. "It is a bad habit," she added, "and when good little boys are asked added, "and when good little boys are asked to smoke sugareties I hope they will not dis-cept the invitation." Hearing some farmer say that pork should never be salted till it is perfectly cool, "That is so," interrupted the old lady; "pork should never be salted till the annual heat is all out." She recently called on a neighboring farmer and found him looking over the town auditors' report. "I am greatly interested in that "I am greatly interested in that subject," said she, taking out a report sent to her in the mail. "I want that chapter on accidentals explained to me, and particularly that item of outlandish accounts." "They are locidentals, madam," said be, "and the accounts are outstanding, not outlandish. It happens usually that a few bills are not sent happens usually that a few bills are not sent in in season to be audited, hence they have to be estimated. The estimate, as you see, is \$100; but it is far too low, for several bills have been received since the meeting, and more accounts will doubtless be presented, making a total of between \$200 and \$300. But that lawyer's account for services, 'continued the farmer, 'les great mystery to me.

The auditors went to Brattleboro next day after their annual meeting in order to get the exact amount of that bill. They were

anxious to know the full cost of the trouble anxions to know the full cost of the trouble about the inventories." "About its Indian tories," exclaimed the old lady, as she hald up her hands in other astonishment, "and you say they charged its every time they looked at them." "Yes," said he, "and what is worse, their account increased in two or three days after it was reported, as you see, from \$08 05 05 to \$115 51." "My sakes after." shouted Mrs. Partington; "they won't need to make shoe-blacking much longer at that rate of charging in order to get reb." "You mistake the names of the parties," explained the farmer. "It is Martin & Eddy, the law-yers, not Day & Martin, who manufactured boot-blacking when you were a young woman." "Well." I declare," said she, "I don't wonder their account was put in under accidents." Just then ber son Ike burst into the room without knocking at the door, and said she must come right home. His pesky dog run off that morning without taking his dinner with him, and he would teach him better things than that when he gets back. "I'll put him in a gun and shoot him at a mark." No you won't," said his mother, as she clapped on her shawl and hennet, "I shall be there to succeed for him." and she left the farmer to ascertain for herself how much the indebtisdness of the town increased during the past year.

-Lewis Hadley, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is much more comfortable.

Joseph Miller, Ecq., who has been under the care of a physician for about four weeks, is also convalencent.

-The school registers have not all been sent to the superintendent's effice, though it is time they should all be there.

The late Orren L. Bennett, who dird on the 26th of last month, at the age of 63 years, was the oldest man in town. The writer is greatly indebted to him for valuable informa-tion send the water of a few lates. greatly indebted to him for valuable informa-tion about the west part of the town publish-ed in the history of Dammorston. His farm is one of the best cultivated and most pro-ductive on Dummerston west hill. He was the sen of Stephen and Habrah (Porner, Bennett, who came from Mausfield, Conn., and settled on land near the Samual Martin. farm. Stephen Hennett bought land in Dum-merston in 1786, which he cleared and on which his son Orren lived for more than 122 years. George R , son of Orren, has man-aged the farm many years and is a very suc-cessful farmer. Everything about the place is kept is excellent condition.

Green River. -The ladies' aid society will meet with Mrs. Silas Aldrich next Thursday afternoon

and evening. - Prof. Snow's singing school has closed, much to the regret of the pupils. Guilford Centre.

tures in Washington. -Frank Burnett is sick with inflammatory The ladies' circle will meet in their rooms next Wednesday afternoon; in the evening Rev. E. W. Whitney will give the sixth and last lecture of the series. Subject, "The

Marriage Vow -There will be a town meeting the 20th

Hallfax.

— Despite the example of other towns and that excellent article from the Newfane committee on the town system of schools, it is not to be expected that this town will reform but continue in its "pod auger ways," its frequent community broils, sometimes spending valuable time, which would be unnecessary under the town system. We sincerely hope that the state will compel towns to support public schools, not community broils.

-There will be a donation party for the

benefit of Rev. H. Fowler at the residence of Samuel Niles next Wednesday afternoon and evening. All are cordially invited. -Town meeting reminiscences: The unan-cons reflection of our town clerk was, for Halifar, an unusual compliment, and in our opinion was not unworthily bestowed.—Lu-ber Adams, our first selectman, was author-zed to sell the Ira Learnard property if it is found advisable.—Warner W. Stowe proposing to build a mill at the old 'Pisher mil' site, and to put in machinery to saw humber, grind grain, manufacture barrels, etc., it was voted to exempt the property from taxation for five years, providing Mr. Stowe expected money enough to bring it within the limits prescribed by the laws of Vermont, -\$1.25 a

day for work on the highways seems a little more human than the arrangement of last year. -The North Adams Transcript of this week has this notice of a Halifax native and

Week has this notice at a form of the former resident;

"Joseph D. Gleason was born in Halifax in 1801, the came to this fown about affects years ago, and has followed the occupation of teamster and farming during his residence here. He was married at an early age to Miss Mary Davis, who was also a resident of Halifax, Mr. Gleason was taken sick about four control of the control

West Binlifux.

-Horace Worden of Boston and Arthur Tucker of Hudson, Mass., have been visiting -A. C. Niles recently lost a heifer by black-

-The North River stage driver asks \$3 per year for carrying mail from the office to peo-ple residing along the route. Were it not for the government regulations regarding the pay for the taking of mail to the office, he would

soon be able to sport as large a diamond a any city plumber

OBSTUARY-MR, WALTER O. HUNT. rin F. Hunt of Athol. Mass. came to this place some seven years ago and engaged in mercantile business as a partner in the firm of Stickney & Hunt, in which he continued over one year. Inheriting a predisposition to consumption, that disease about one year and a half since began to be developed and and a haif since began to be developed and steadily progressing terminated fatally Feb. 26th. Thus the brightest hopes were early blighted and the fondest expectations cut off in the midst of active life and in the vigor of early manhood. The following brief but handsome tribute we take from the Athol Transcript, found in an item published soon after Mr. Hunt's death, showing the appreciation of friends in the place of his former residence: "Mr. Hunt was a soung man of exemplary character, and was highly reason." residence: "Ar. Hunt was a soung man of exemplary character, and was highly respected and beloved by all who knew him. He is the third of one Athol High school class who have died during the past year, the others being Etward F. Brown and Henry C. Felsom."

The funeral services, in charge of Undertaker Taylor, were held at the Universalist church on the 3d inst. Bey J. Grond agained by Cambridgepors.

A parlor meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. will be held at Miss Jennie Harwood's Thursday evening, March 18th. There will be literary exercises with music by members of the union. Cake and codes will be served. Admission 10 cents.

Those who attended the band entertainment and dance at Grafton last week report a and Mrs. H. M. Roberts. The floral efferment and dance at Grafton last week reports and Mrs. H. M. Roberts. The floral efferment was the server of the and are it. M. Roberts. The floral ciferings were very beautiful, consisting of a large anchor furnished by Mrs. W. O. Hunt, the bereaved companion, who is the younger daughter of the late E. C. Starr; a cross by Mrs. W. A. Faulkner and Miss Nettie E. Starr, and cut flowers by C. E. Allen of Brattleboro. In the death of this young man this companity losses are written as the start. this community loses an active and es member, and the bereaved family a t and affectionate companion and father.

-Canker rush, which prevailed so long and extensively in this section, has disap -Lawis Stickney is slowly recovering from a long and quite serious illness. -Rev. G. F. Arms of Wilmington gave ry interesting lecture on Babylon at the sthodist church on the 5.1 inst. -A. A. Butterfield, E.q., is attending the county court at Newfane this week, and Otto

Wheeler and Arad Davis are attending as rymen from this town. -E. S. Allen has a pair of steers 18 months L. S. Alien has a pair or steers is mona-old that weighed without yoks or rope 2222 lbs. They are well mated and similarly marked, and a finer pair is seldom seen.

The higher department of our village school closed before the time of the term had expired, in consequence of the illness of the teacher, Miss Nettle E. Whitney of Mariboro. The history of Whitingham, by Leonard Brown. Esq., is in press and will be published and ready for delivery in about four weeks. It will be sold only by subscription.

-The last of this month the planets Jup-ter, Mars, and Saturn can be seen in th evening above the horizon: Jupiter Mars being east and Saturn west of the ridian. A spectacle not often witnessed. -George, H. Warren, engaged in the cut

-Lewis Stafford and wife, who have spen me weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bl arn, have returned to their home in

works at Shelburne Falls, has recentled his father, Dea. L. A. Warren, who

in feeble health.